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1. The Rokossowski Ball Bearings Plant in Krasnik (N 50-55 E 22-14) was constructed in 1949 and began operations in 1952. It is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of National Defense and since 1953 there has been a Soviet control commission at the plant.
2. The plant is located about 4,500 meters northwest of the center of Krasnik. The plant covers an area of approximately three square kilometers. It is surrounded by a stone wall three meters high. The main entrance is on the east side. The railroad spur line enters the plant area on the north side.
3. The main offices are located in a two-story building, which also contains laboratories and research rooms for the study of metal alloys. The foundry is located in a shed 200 by 30 meters, containing five smelters for the production of unfinished ball bearings. There are three machine shops, one story high, in which about 60 workers are employed. Repair and maintenance work are carried on here. There is also a special grinding shop and a shop for the calibration of the ball bearings. The plant also has three finishing machine shops, containing machines of recent construction.
4. This plant is one of the most important factories of its kind in Poland, but in spite of this, it supplies only a small percentage of the required needs of the country. Part of the production is also sent to the Soviet Union. There is still a deficiency of ball bearings in the Polish armament industry.
5. Because of the fact that the plant is still in the process of being expanded, it has not reached its maximum production capacity as yet. However, production has reached six railroad trucks (carri ferroviari) of ball bearings, for heavy machinery, which are in particular demand in Polish industries. The raw materials arrive by rail twice a week, while the finished products are shipped out every 14 days.

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6. The number of employees is not known. The manager of the plant is Stanislaw Zarecki, a Pole [redacted] who previously was a lathe operator. The director of the Soviet control commission is A. Bogolomocov.
7. There is a guard detachment consisting of 60 men. During each eight-hour shift there are 20 men on duty. In addition, there are 28 Polish guards under the command of Lieutenant Babic.

[redacted] Comment. [redacted] the Soviets had promised to supply the factory with special machine tools, but as of October 1953, the promise had not materialized and the plant has to depend on the equipment it acquired abroad four years ago.

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